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WRITE-ONCE-READ-MANY OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIA AND PROCESS FOR RECORDING AND
REPRODUCING INFORMATION ON THE MEDIA

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification, total pages 157 including:
 - a. 12 pages of claims (1-43 claims)
 - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 37 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-63)
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 - c. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
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4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
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